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## Rep. Ramthun: Overdue Adoption Process Enhancements

MADISON- State Representative Timothy Ramthun (R-Campbellsport) issued the following statement in response to the Assembly passing Assembly Bill 565, which he authored:

"Anything we can do to enhance the adoptive process and establish it as a viable alternative over any abortion should be a priority. The virtue of Assembly Bill 565 expands the scope of possible placement considerations for vulnerable children beyond current family-only requirements," Ramthun stated.

"This judicial enhancement allows courts to consider foster family options that may be in the best interest of the child. If a child has already been fostered in a loving, supportive family for nine months, why should that be changed? That option should always be included for the court for consideration."

Assembly Bill 565 passed the Assembly by a bipartisan vote of 64-34. The bill will now head to the Senate for a vote, and if passed, to Governor Evers' desk for signature into law.

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